

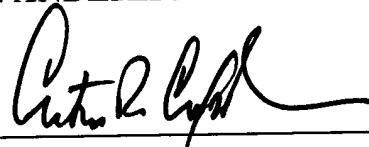
REMARKS

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

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IN THE CLAIMS

5. The method of claim 3 ~~or~~ 4, wherein the substrate blank is formed to have one of a structure in which the substrate blank has a small-thickness portion in a central portion and a large-thickness portion in a circumferential portion, a structure in which the substrate has a large-thickness portion in a central portion and a small-thickness portion in a circumferential portion, and a structure in which the blank has a large-thickness portion in each of a central portion and a circumferential portion and a small-thickness portion between the circumferential portion and the central portion.

6. The method of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 4, wherein a molten glass as the glass in a softened state is supplied onto the lower mold member and press-molded.

7. The method of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 4, wherein the mold having upper and lower mold members is adjusted to have a lower temperature than the glass in a softened state to press-mold the glass.

8. The method of ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 4, wherein the substrate blank has the form of a disk.

9. The method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the substrate blank has a thickness whose minimum value and maximum value are both in the range of from 0.8mm to 2.2mm.

10. The method of ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the substrate blank is for use as an intermediate for a substrate for an information recording medium.

11. A method for producing a substrate, which comprises cutting and polishing the substrate blank produced by the method recited in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~.